House and the Government towards petrol pumps going on strike today which is very important issue. Price of petroleum products have increased during past years, charges of Bank Drafts have also increased and on account of this cost of petrol pumps have increased manifold in comparison to previous cost but their commission is not going to increase for the last 20 years. Their second demand is that petrol pumps are being challaned under Essential commodities (special amendment) Act and they are also being harrassed and exploited. Under the Essential Commodities (Special amendment Act petrol pumps are in amendment) Act petrol pumps are in full possession of Inspector's raj due to which they are in deep trouble.

On account of these two demands, petrol pumps are closed today all over the country. Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would also like to tell the House that our Minister of Food and Minister of Civil Supplies had given an interview in the last week and it had appeared in the Newspapers also and they had also told me that it has been decided by the Cabinet that this amendment would be extended only for a period of one year more and it was also stated that they would slightly amend it but the Bill under consideration before us is for five years instead of one year. Now what sort of decision has been taken by the Cabinet about which it had appeared in the newspaper earlier that they are going to extend it only for one year period but now it has come for five years. In this way we have been betrayed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, today all over the country petrol pumps are closed. Situation is very critical. We would like to draw the attention of the Government through you that Ministry of Petroleum should consider about their problem. Ministry of Petroleum should think over all these points like increase in commission and involvement of cost factor. I would like to again draw the attention of the Minister of Civil Supplies. Today the owners of petrol pumps are only on strike but on 8th August traders from all over the country will be coming to blockade Parliament House. The whole country will be closed on 26 August in protest against the Essential commodities amendment Bill. This is a very important issue. The Government must pay attention on this issue so that legitimate demands of traders should be fulfilled and they may not resort to agitation...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI ILIYAS AZMI (Shahabad) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the petrol pump owners are responsible for spoiling petrol operated machines all over the country by adulteration and by selling adulterated petrol. They have created a cause of havoc through plunder in the entire country. Therefore, I request that their commission should not be raised...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SHYAM BEHARI MISHRA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, for this purpose, there are different laws. If a person is caught for the crime of adulteration, he can be prosecuted and punished under the law but the matter here under consideration is the issue of 3/7 ...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (Cannanor) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Communications to an urgent matter of importance regarding the plight of ED employees who are working in the Department of Post. About three lakh persons in the Department of Post are categorised as ED employees. They got a very raw deal throughout these years. They have been treated as bonded labourers by the Department all these years. Time and again this matter has been raised on the floor of the House by the hon. Members cutting across political affiliations. Ultimately a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Justice Talwar. This Committee had submitted its Report some months ago. But, unfortunately, no action whatsoever has been taken by the hon. Minister to implement these recommendations. I appeal to the hon. Minister, through you, to implement the recommendations made by the Justice Talwar Committee without any further loss of time.

[Translation]

SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV (Godda) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, through you I am requesting to the Cabinet to take a prompt and appropriate decision in the matter of anomalies created by the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission in the pay scales of Translators/Assistant Directors working in Raj Bhasha Service. Fifth Pay Commission has revised the pay scale of Technical Assistants working in Central Translation Bureau from Rs. 1400-2300 to Rs. 1640-2900 but pay scale (1400-2600) of Junior Translators working in Central Secretariat Raj Bhasha Service has not been revised.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, similarly the pay scales of Hindi teachers in Central Hindi Training Centre and Senior Translators in Central Translation Bureau, whose present pay scale is Rs. 1640-2900, have been recommended for revised scale of Rs. 2000-3500 whereas the pay scales of Rs. 1640-2900 for Senior Translators working in Central Secretariat Raj Bhasha Service has not been increased.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Department of Raj Bhasha (Ministry of Home Affairs) is the Headquarter whereas Central Hindi Training Centre and Central Translation Bureau are its subordinate offices. It is obvious that enquivalent officers working in Headquarter have been kept not only in lower pay scale in comparison to the offices of same rank working in subordinate officers of that Department but it also create a unprecedented anoomalies by keeping the pay scale of Gazetted post (Assistant Director) of Headquarter at par with the pay scales of Non-Gazetted post (Hindi teacher and Senior Translator).